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Doctors advised unplugging Mandela's life support

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Doctors treating Nelson Mandela said he was in a "permanent vegetative state" and advised his family to turn off his life support machine a week ago, according to court documents obtained by AFP Thursday.

"He is in a permanent vegetative state and is assisted in breathing by a life support machine," said the court filing dated June 26.

"The Mandela family have

been advised by the medical practitioners that his life support machine should be switched off.

"Rather than prolonging his suffering, the Mandela family is exploring this option as a very real probability," read a filing from the family's lawyer, relating to a dispute over the final resting place of Mandela's three children.

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THE MORNING NEWS wishes all Venezuelan citizens a Happy Independence Day



A historic first for Aruba Aruba to host Junior Latin American Baseball League Series



Aruba 1 - (Aruba North & South)



Aruba 2

Arubans are known for their passion for baseball. There are a few baseball players who have shown the potential and realized their dream by becoming professional players. And now you can feel the enthusiasm prevailing among islanders. The enthusiasm. From July 20 to 28 Aruba will be host - for the very first time - to the Junior Latin American Baseball League. Junior League World Series is a baseball tournament for children 13, 14 and 15 years and takes place annually at Heritage Park, Taylor, Michigan. Countries participating are: Aruba, Costa Rica, Colombia, Curacao, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Republic of El Salvador, Virgin Islands and Venezuela. The tournament is modeled after the Lit-

tle League World Series and is one of the 11 tournaments patronized by Little League International.

This tournament goes way back in 1981. Junior League World Series has only 10 regions compared to Little League World Series which has 16 regions; 8 regions in

the USA and 8 international regions. The 10 region champions are divided into 2 pools (USA and International). The best teams of the 2 pools will go to the semi finals to decide on a USA winning team and an international winning team.

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Additional financial support to families receiving welfare with children in school



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This support is to help with the expenses of clothing, shoes, articles for school, etc.

This support is valid for students in kindergarten, as well as those attending other schools during regular school hours during the day.

Obviously, there are certain conditions to obtaining the support. Only families already receiving "bijsstand" and with child(ren) living at home with the parent(s) will receive Afls.120 for each child attending school, up to a maximum of Afls. 500 per family.

The government will also pay a portion of the parental fee that schools charge, up to

a maximum of Afls.120 per person.

These extra payments will be made in the month of September together with the regular 'Bijsstand' payment. Payment of the school fees will be made directly to the school. If the school fee is more than Afls.120, the parent will be responsible for paying the difference. These extras are one time!

Parents with foster children in their care have to pick up the form to fill out at the school at which the child (ren) is inscribed as of 14-08-2013.

Parents are required to fill out and sign a form from the Department of Social Affairs for this financial support. The form must be filled out by August 30th! Forms submitted after this date will make you eligible for only the Afls.200 monthly stipend payable in October 2013.

This form can be filled out at the Social Office in Oranjestad (Caya Mario E. Harms 11) or in Sanicolas (Bernardstraat 75 ex Medical Center) from 8 am - 11:45 am and 1 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

For more information consult the Department of Social Affairs at telephone 582-1100 and request the 'Bijsstand Seccion.'

'Roadmap to Preclearance' report presented to Dutch Secretary of State



'Roadmap to Preclearance,' a feasibility study was submitted here on Wednesday morning by Dutch Secretary of State, Teeven in the Hague. The report was handed over by the Prime Minister of Aruba, Mike Eman. Minister Sievinger and a group of those who worked on the project were present for the occasion. Also present were KLM representative, Mrs. Rintel and Brigade General of the Dutch Marines, Harry van den Brink. Both Aruba and Holland are ready to implement the propositions in the report.

With this report they can

uratively and literally. Together they can make travel between Aruba and Schiphol much more safer and faster.

Secretary Teeven again illustrated on the importance and additional value within the Kingdom. He said, "I am very impressed with the role that Mr. Eman played in this process."

The proposition is to install a work group with Prime Minister Eman as president to examine the implementation of the preclearance project as soon as possible. This will be something unique for Europe and the Dutch Kingdom. Aruba will begin with the installation of the 'Happy Flow' system.

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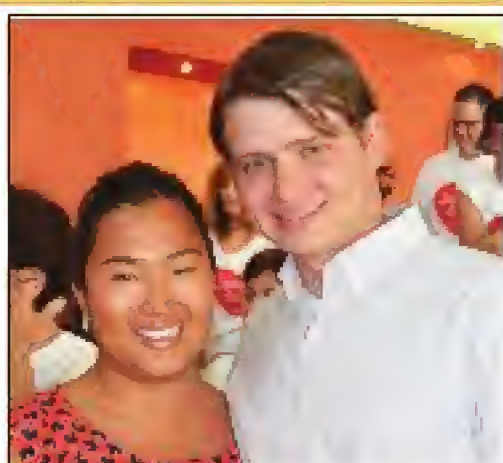
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Surprise flash mob pre wedding for Jessica and Adam at Marriott



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The happy couple Jessica and Adam



Family and Friends gather to perform surprise Flash Mob for Jessica and Adam

On Wednesday afternoon Jessica Cloutier and Adam Benton got a pre wedding surprise: a Flash Mob in the resort lobby of the Marriott in their honor.

Over sixty family and friends, young and old, gathered at 4:30 pm in the lobby to perform a dance for the soon to be married couple on the beats of "Jumping in the line (Shake

Shake Señora)". Dressed in white tees with a big red heart saying "Jessica and Adam, July 4th 2013", the "dance" group put on a fabulous show. The mother of the bride Mrs. Cloutier spearheaded the successful surprise Flash Mob. The video can be viewed online at Facebook.com/Aruba-Marriott or via the link http://youtu.be/G_X_JWXGW90.

Jessica and Adam will say "I Do" on the 4th of July at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino.

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Aruba to host Junior Latin American Baseball League Series

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In the beginning only the American teams were playing, but over the course of the years international teams began participating.

In 2001, the regional Latin American tournament was formed. Today the American pool consists of regional champions from Central, East, South East, South West and Western regions. The international pool consists of 5 regions: Puerto Rico or Mexico, Latin America, Canada, Asia-Pacific and EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa).

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ready to support our team and show the world the potential and passion of our baseball players.

Aruba has 2 teams; Aruba 1 and Aruba 2. Each team trained extensively; this tournament demands lots of discipline and dedication. The youngsters are from different neighborhoods and both teams have very determined players. Their mood is very positive and they say they will do their utmost to win this championship.

The majority of the games will be played on the Nadi Croes/Crismo Angela Ball park in Santa Cruz. These games are going to be fantastic and the general public is most welcome to witness this here for the very first time on Aruba. What an honor!



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AIFF Programming Director Aaron Hose: Aruba needs to continue its film festival

Enormous controversy followed the close of the 3rd Aruba International Film Festival in 2012 for many reasons. Inclusion of two major concerts and their enormous expense, as well as so many other peripheral projects, left a financial shambles in its wake. However, a forth edition is taking place this week, streamlined and focused on film. It again offers dedicated island cinephiles the opportunity to see a wide diversity of films from around the globe, which would surely never play in Aruban cinemas under normal circumstance.

This is, of course, the essence of film festivals around the world. These are where filmmakers of every strip bring their work, from mega studios to the most obscure independents, to judge the response of their peers and the public. It where they come to network, establish their names and reputations, and to receive the approval of the industry for their creative



Aaron Hose (right), with Filmmaker and Caribbean Showcase jurist Michel Drenthe

efforts. Many of the smaller, low-budget films, no matter how innovative, creative and successfully executed, might never be considered for distribution by those that control the industry. Winning an award at a major film festival, or even a small one like the AIFF, provides a cache and the possibility of beating film industry odds.

AIFF Programming Director Aaron Hose has been involved with the Caribbean Spotlight Series every year, the last two donating his time and effort to showcase Aruban and regional filmmakers. Born on Aruba, he attended film school in the U.S., and has lived and worked in Florida for several years. His documentaries, particularly "Voices in the Clouds," have earned honorable mentions and awards at a number of festivals.

He sat with THE MORN-

ING NEWS to discuss how the AIFF has evolved over the last few years, and why it should continue, fueled by volunteers committed to seeing this interesting event enhance the Aruban experience for residents and vacationers.

TMN: It has to be quite a journey from last year to this year's AIFF; a very emotional journey for you, I would think.

AH: Yes, absolutely.

TMN: I imagine there was a great deal of self-evaluation and of the festival; what you want for the festival and Aruba to make this decision to partner with (Co-found and Executive Director) Jonathan (Vieira) in keeping it going?

AH: Yes. What happened after last year...with the situation of everyone wondering if the festival would be back, Rebecca (Roos, of Aruba, who has also partnered in the

festival) and I had to think hard about what we were going to do and what we needed to do to help Jonathan. Basically, it was a situation where there was this mass exodus of staff, the foreign staff in particular. If there is no budget, then basically, they are not going to help you out, they get paid to do this. With the P/R firm and the managing team of the previous festivals, you have to have a budget.

It is nothing against them; this is their livelihood. The experiences I have had since the first year of the festival, however, and being able to travel to different places around the world and visit other festivals, looking at what really works and what doesn't, and working on the AIFF these last two years, I really got a sense of both sides of the coin.

With Rebecca helping me under the Spotlight Series competition, we really gelled and realized what needed to be done in order to continue the festival as a kind of local affair. At this point we felt we were in the position to take over; a group of passionate locals and really make it happen. We are all basically volunteering, but do so to insure we regain the sponsorship that we had in the past and to prove everyone how important the festival is. We hope this year will prove to them the value of their continued sponsorship.

TMN: So an important point is that the talent is here, Aruban talent, to put on a

successful world class film festival? We do not necessarily have to rely on international agencies?

AH: Yes. We brought in Arubans like myself, who are not in Aruba working, but are gaining experience abroad. So the festival is basically the same thing, but run by Arubans. There is a lot of knowledge and experience to bring to the table.

TMN: This brings a certain spirit and heart for the event as well?

AH: We feel like we are a big family now, and we gel well together. There are certain things, components we are experiencing even during this fourth year, which are really essential and we need to bring back, to lessen the burden on all of us. We are all wearing a lot of hats, in the spirit of making sure the festival continues, but moving forward, there are still, probably, a couple of people that we should bring back. We still direct the festival, but some support people will be important to make sure the festival stays structured and organized. However, right now it is myself, Jonathan, other volunteers and our families, truly a labor of love.

We felt for months we were sort of on this life support, we needed to pump that blood transfusion back into the festival because it is too good to let go. We opened with a bang with Paul Verhoeven and "Abo So" and it's only going to get better.

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AIFF Programming Director Aaron Hose:

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The energy is going to continue, and we hope to close with a bang with Virginia Madsen coming back to the festival and being a repeat guest after only one year, we're excited.

TMN: Looking over the schedule, we again see a diverse selection of films from around the world. It is a vast pantheon of cultures on display for island filmgoers, allowing them glimpses of countries and cultures they might never get to experience, particularly with the typical Hollywood films normally shown in our local theaters. How are these films selected to be part of the festival?

AH: Some films are submitted. This year, however, the financing for the festival was late, so I had to go out and scout these films by visiting other festivals, examining their programs, really studying the subject matter and watching the trailers before contacting them to submit to be screened at our festival. Basically, you go from there. You build a database of films that are first and foremost, in my opinion and that of the team, more "relevant" to Aruba, yet themati-

cally universal enough to bring audiences in.

There is a creative process of watching films, thinking about "How is this going to work locally? What is the history of attendance for these types of films from various regions? If there is something that is a little too far detached from Aruba, you give some thought to the commercial appeal, with the thought to whether it will interest local and tourist audiences. Some of it is a crap shoot, really.

The film festival, in my opinion, is a big deal for the island. It offers wonderful opportunities for local filmmakers. It is about art, it is about culture, it is about community and networking and spotlighting Aruba, so people notice us. We dreamed big and we need to keep dreaming big and executing big. There may be issues, financial and what not, but I don't want to hear that anymore. I am ignoring that, because I am doing it for "the big picture." I am in the same boat with all the other people that are screaming, and it doesn't matter to me.

Rosalie Klein

Venezuelan Travel Agents visit Aruba on a Fam.Trip



Recently Aruba received the visit of a group of Travel Agents from Venezuela for a familiarization trip, this trip was organized by ATA Venezuela and Aerolinia Venezolana, the group consisted of 11 Travel Agents, 1 Aerolinia Venezolana Rep and 1 ATA Venezuela Rep., they were accommodated by the Westin Resort and were received by Ms. Waleska Curvelo with a very warm welcome. Venezuela remains Aruba's second biggest market for tourism visitors, and it is very important for these groups to visit the island and get to know what is new and the latest that the Island has to offer in accommodations and activities. After doing site inspections at several of our luxurious Hotels and Apartments the group took an Island tour and finish the Famtrip with a fabulous sailing and snorkeling trip courtesy of De Palm Tours who was also the ground handler for this Fam. Mr. Ernest Giel from the Aruba Tourism authority was in charge of making a very nice program for

this group and also accompanied the group at every site. A special thanks goes to all the Resorts and Companies involved with this famtrip.




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Doctors advised unplugging Mandela's life support

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Since the document was written, the government, family members and people visiting Mandela have reported his condition has improved.

"He is clearly a very ill man, but he was conscious and he tried to move his mouth and eyes when I talked to him," Denis Goldberg, one of the men who was convicted with Mandela, told AFP after visiting him on Monday.

"He is definitely not unconscious," he said adding that "he was aware of who I was."

Goldberg said he was asked by Mandela's wife Graca Machel to pay him a visit "just to give him mental stimulation."

Presidency spokesman Mac Maharaj refused to comment on the documents.

"We don't have a comment on that," Maharaj told AFP, citing doctor-patient confi-

dentiality.

Lawyers for Mandela's relatives and family members themselves were not immediately available for comment.

Mandela's wife earlier Thursday said that while occasionally Mandela has been uncomfortable during his nearly one month hospital stay, he has seldom been in pain.

"Now we are about 25 days we have been in hospital," Machel said, giving thanks for the outpouring of well wishes from around the world for the Nobel peace laureate.

"Although Madiba sometimes may be uncomfortable, very few times he is in pain," she said.

The former president, who turns 95 later this month, was rushed to hospital on June 8 with a recurring lung infection.

Egypt rounds up Morsi's Brotherhood leadership

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt's army rounded up the leadership of ousted president Mohamed Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood on Thursday as a top judge took office after an abrupt end to the Islamist's first year in power.

Morsi's government unravelled late on Wednesday after the army gave him a 48-hour ultimatum in the wake of massive demonstrations since June 30 against his turbulent rule.

The Brotherhood called for a peaceful protest on Friday over the "military coup" as the army turned the screws on the Islamist movement.

Its supreme leader Mohammed Badie was arrested "for inciting the killing of protesters", a security official told AFP.

Anger gave way to gloom as thousands of the embattled Islamist movement's supporters rallied at a Cairo mosque, surrounded by the army.

"It's a soft military coup. The military was smart, using the cover of civilians," said

one, 36-year-old Ahmed al-Sayyed, in reference to the mass anti-Morsi protests.

Military chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi announced Morsi's overthrow on Wednesday night, citing his inability to end a deepening political crisis, as dozens of armoured personnel carriers streamed onto Cairo's streets.

The crackdown came as chief justice Adly Mansour, 67, was sworn in as interim president at a ceremony broadcast live from the Supreme Constitutional Court.

He will serve until elections at a yet-to-be determined date, said Sisi, as he laid out a roadmap for a political transition that includes a freeze on the Islamist-drafted constitution.

A judicial source said the prosecution would on Monday begin questioning Brotherhood members, including Morsi, for "insulting the judiciary".

LatAm leaders meet, fume over Morales plane flap

COCHABAMBA (AFP) - Leftist Latin American leaders gathered in Bolivia on Thursday to back President Evo Morales, fuming after some European nations temporarily refused his plane access to their airspace amid suspicions US fugitive Edward Snowden was aboard. Morales arrived home late

Wednesday after a long layover in Vienna, saying his plane was diverted there because it was barred from flying over four European nations, sparking outrage among Latin American leaders. The Bolivian leader's plane odyssey began hours after Morales declared in Moscow that he would be willing to

consider an asylum application from Snowden, who is seeking sanctuary in several Latin American nations to evade US espionage charges. Presidents Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela, Rafael Correa of Ecuador, Jose Mujica of Uruguay and Desi Bouterse of Suriname arrived for the afternoon talks while Ar-

gentina's Cristina Kirchner was expected to arrive later. "We are going to Bolivia to give a hug in solidarity to our brother Evo Morales, to our dear Bolivia, but also to take decisions and show that we won't accept this sort of humiliation against any country of (Latin) America," Correa said before arriving.

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US activists mark July 4 with NSA surveillance rallies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Thousands of activists across the United States took to the streets and the Internet to mark July 4 with protests against the National Security Agency's surveillance programs on Thursday.

The protests, organized by the "Restore the Fourth" movement, were intended to raise

"awareness of and spur political action against unconstitutional spying by the US government," organizers said.

The NSA's surveillance methods have been in the spotlight ever since former contractor Edward Snowden leaked details of agency programs to collect Internet and

phone data.

The Restore the Fourth campaign, organized via the social network Reddit, has received support from various web platforms including Mozilla and campaigners for online freedom such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

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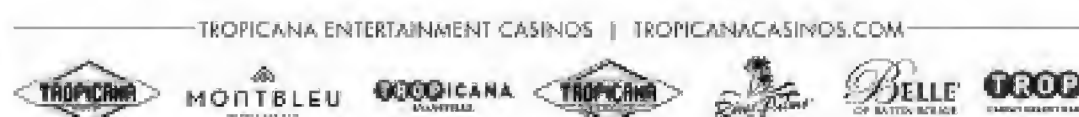
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Assad: West sends 'terrorists' to Syria to be rid of them

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Syria's President Bashar al-Assad accused the West of sending "takfiri terrorist groups" to his country as a way to get rid of them, in an interview with a Syrian daily.

Western countries believe that "these takfiri (extremist) terrorist groups that have been a security concern for decades will come to Syria and be killed and that way they will get rid of them," Assad told the Al-Thawra daily.

Assad added that the West hoped that by "supporting terrorism in Syria" it could weaken the country, which has been torn apart by a conflict that began with peaceful anti-government protests in March 2011.

Syria's government describes all those opposed to its regime as "terrorists," and has pointed to the increasing entry of foreign fighters into the conflict as evidence that the uprising is a militant plot.

Assad told the newspaper, a government daily, that even Western countries backing the uprising no longer referred to it as a "revolution."

"The word revolution is no longer mentioned, now what's being talked about is terror-

ism," Assad told the daily.

"They've moved to another phase. They distinguish between a good terrorist and a bad terrorist... but the word revolution is no longer mentioned," he said.

Much of the international community has thrown its support behind the uprising against Assad, including the United States.

But backers of the revolt have been cautious about arming the rebels in part for fear that weapons could fall into the hands of the most radical members of the opposition, including the Al-Nusra Front, which is allied with Al-Qaeda.

In excerpts from the interview released a day earlier, Assad said the massive protests in Egypt against president Mohamed Morsi brought the fall of "political Islam."

In the interview, conducted before the ouster of Morsi, Assad said the Egyptian protest marked "the fall of what is known as political Islam."

"Anywhere in the world, whoever uses religion for political aims, or to benefit some and not others, will fail," he said.

US Navy bolsters presence in Gulf

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Navy has deployed three additional coastal patrol ships to its Fifth Fleet headquarters in Bahrain, bolstering America's presence in the strategic Gulf, officials said.

The small, speedy 52 meter-long (79-foot) ships, which can be armed with 25 mm cannons and .50 caliber machine guns, are seen as a counterweight to Iran's fast boats that operate in shallow waters around the Strait of Hormuz.

US military planners and analysts say Iran has developed swarming tactics to try to outrun and encircle America's larger warships transiting the Gulf, along with plans to plant mines to disrupt commercial shipping.

The Pentagon has gradually strengthened its naval forces in the Gulf region over the past year after Iran at one point threatened to block the vital Strait of Hormuz, a gateway for the world's oil supply.

In addition to the US patrol craft, which will now be permanently based in Bahrain instead rotating through for temporary deployments, the Navy has sent in more mine sweepers.

In May, the Navy carried out a large mine-clearing exercise in the Gulf with other countries, which was seen as a warning to Tehran.

By the spring of 2014, the Navy expects to have a fleet of 10 coastal patrol ships in Bahrain.

UK police seek 38 people in new Madeleine McCann probe

LONDON (AFP) - British police said Thursday they were opening their own investigation into the 2007 disappearance of toddler Madeleine McCann in Portugal and had identified 38 people of interest across Europe.

A two-year review of the original Portuguese investigation, which is officially closed, had resulted in some new evidence, said Detective Chief Inspector Andy Redwood of Scotland Yard, the officer in charge of the probe.

Police also still believe that Madeleine, who was three when she disappeared, may be alive, he said.

Neither Madeleine's parents Gerry and Kate, nor the friends who were having dinner with the McCanns when she disappeared, were among the suspects, he said.

The couple launched a global campaign to find Madeleine after she vanished from the family's holiday flat in Praia da Luz on Portugal's south coast in May 2007, while they were eating dinner nearby.



Pictures of the smiling blonde girl was plastered on newspapers, posters and websites across the world, although numerous possible sightings came to nothing.

Since the ongoing review was launched in 2011, British police have gathered more than 30,000 documents, visited Portugal 16 times, carried out new witness interviews and generated new theories.

In April, Portuguese authorities said they had no new evidence that would give them cause to reopen their own inquiry.

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Putin signs gay adoption ban



MOSCOW (AFP) - President Vladimir Putin this week signed a law banning gay and lesbian couples in foreign countries from adopting Russian children.

The measure was one of a series adopted by Russian authorities in recent weeks that have been slammed by civil rights leaders as discriminatory.

The Kremlin said in a statement that "the measure is aimed at guaranteeing a harmo-

nious and full upbringing for children in adoptive families".

It also bans adoption by unmarried individuals who live in countries with laws permitting same-sex marriages.

The Kremlin-backed measure was quickly rammed through parliament after the adoption of same-sex marriage laws by countries such as France and plans for referenda on the subject by nations such as Ireland.

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Health & Living

Dengue raises alarm in Central America

TEGUCIGALPA (AFP) - Authorities have issued dengue alerts in four nations across Central America, where alarm is rising as the mosquito-borne disease has infected 30,000 people and killed 17 this year alone.

Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua and El Salvador have issued formal alerts. In Guatemala and Panama, officials say they are monitoring the disease, which normally spreads more easily later in the rainy season.

"It is great that they are coming around to fumigate; mosquitoes seem like no big deal but they really can kill you," said Mauricio Gonzalez, a mechanic in the Nueva Esperanza district south of Tegucigalpa.

So far this year, Honduras has had 10 deaths, 8,380 cases of ordinary dengue and 1,219 cases of dengue hemorrhagic fever.



A sanitation worker fumigates against the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, vector of the dengue fever, at the 5 de Noviembre neighborhood in San Salvador. The government declared an orange alert for dengue fever in 18 districts of El Salvador.

In Honduras alone, the 2010 epidemic killed 83 people.

Health authorities said they have been baffled by this recent outbreak, which has occurred despite a spate of unusually dry weather. The

mosquitoes that carry dengue usually proliferate in times of heavy rain.

Dengue affects between 50 and 100 million people in the tropics and subtropics each year, resulting in fever, muscle and joint ache.

The disease is caused by four strains of virus that are spread by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*.

There is no vaccine, so medical authorities in the region, where poverty is widespread, have been trying to stamp it out by focusing on mosquito control.

The illness can be fatal, developing into hemorrhagic fever, which can lead to shock and internal bleeding.

Britain records new death from MERS virus

LONDON (AFP) - A Qatari man has died in a British hospital from the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus which has been causing increasing alarm among world health experts, officials said Thursday.

The death brings to 43 the number of people to date who have died from the SARS-like infection, which has an extremely high mortality rate.

The unnamed 49-year-old man had been in a London hospital since September 2012 receiving treatment for acute symptoms from the virus, having earlier been airlifted from the Qatari capital Doha.

The man had previously travelled to Saudi Arabia where the majority of cases have been concentrated.

He died last week after his condition sharply deteriorated, a spokeswoman for Guy's and St Thomas' hospital said.

MERS is a member of the coronavirus family, which includes the pathogen that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

The World Health Organization (WHO) said on June 26 that 77 laboratory-confirmed cases had surfaced worldwide with 40 deaths. Saudi Arabia announced two further deaths on Wednesday.

SARS sparked global panic in 2003 after it jumped to humans from animals in Asia and killed some 800 people.

Like SARS, MERS appears to cause a lung infection, with patients suffering from fever, coughing and breathing difficulties. But it differs in that it also causes rapid kidney failure.

While most of the cases have been concentrated in Saudi Arabia, the MERS virus has also spread to neighbouring Jordan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Cases have also been found in France, Germany, Italy, Tunisia and Britain, although most of these patients had been transferred for care from the Middle East or had travelled to the Middle East and became ill after they returned, the WHO said.




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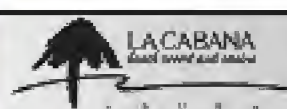
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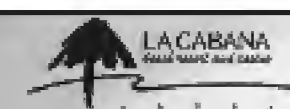
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Twitter tunes ad targeting system

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Twitter said it will begin letting businesses target marketing messages to people who have shown interests in what they have to offer.

"Users won't see more ads on Twitter, but they may see better ones," senior director of product revenue Kevin Weil said in a blog post.

The feature to be tested in the United States will let shops share email addresses or identity information from software 'cookies' in Web browsers so that Twitter can pinpoint people interested in ads from those businesses.

Shared email information is scrambled into an unreadable 'hash' to protect privacy, according to Twitter.

"This is how most other companies handle this practice, and we don't give advertisers any additional user information," Weil said.

Twitter users wishing to disable the feature can uncheck a

Promoted Content' box in account settings.

"While we want to make our

ads more useful, we also want to give users simple and meaningful privacy options," Weil said.

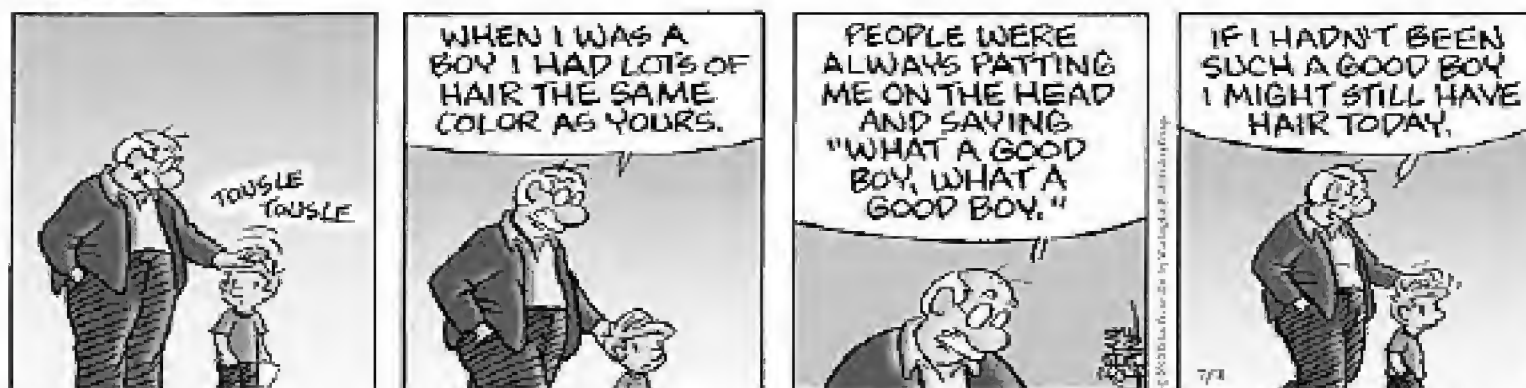


LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Douglas Engelbart, who revolutionized computing by inventing the mouse, died in California on Tuesday at the age of 88, the institute bearing his name said. Born in Oregon, Engelbart studied electrical engineering and computer sciences in the 1950s before joining the Stanford Research Institute. Engelbart had a total of 21 patents to his name. In 2000 he was presented with the National Medal of Technology, the tech industry's highest honor.

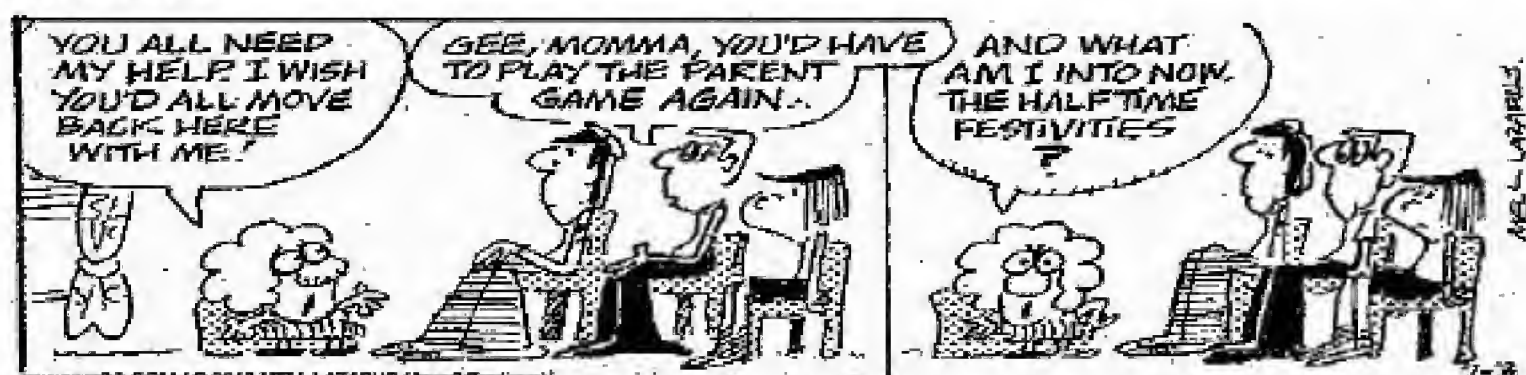
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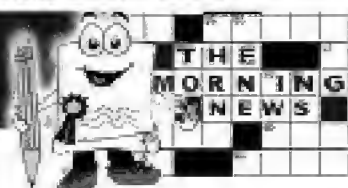
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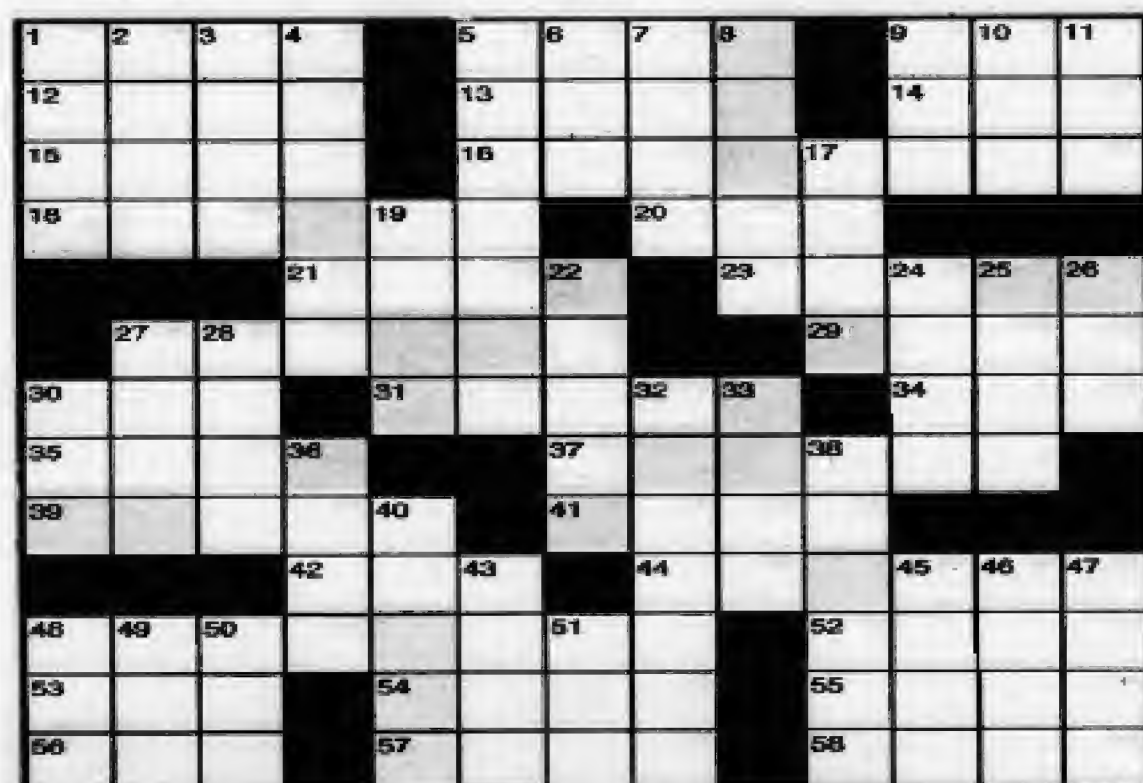
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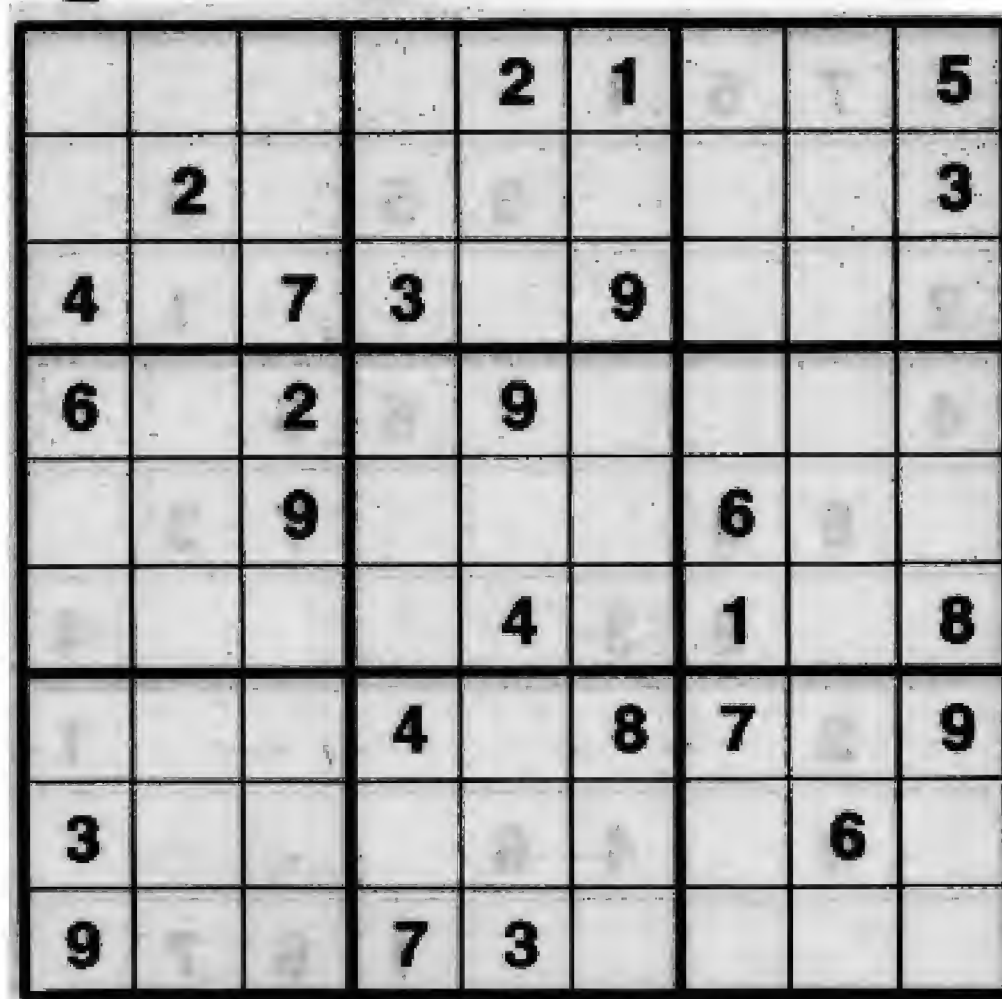
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Accord reached to save Portuguese government coalition

LISBON (AFP) - Portugal's centre-right government coalition on Thursday averted its break-up in a dispute over austerity policies after finding "a formula" that secures its survival, Prime Minister Pedro Passos Coelho said.

"A formula has been found that will secure the stability of the government," said Passos Coelho after talks with President Anibal Cavaco Silva.

The policies squeezing the bailed-out nation had led markets to plunge on Wednesday before rallying after.

Passos Coelho said he was "convinced" he could maintain government stability despite his finance and foreign ministers saying they were quitting.

European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi sought Thursday to soothe market nerves, saying Portugal's economy was "in safe hands" with Gaspar's successor, Maria Luis Albuquerque.

The Portuguese reform process has been a "painful route and the results achieved have been quite significant, remarkable, if not outstanding", Draghi told a news conference in Frankfurt.

The Portuguese stock market's PSI-20 index rose to close

3.73 percent higher on Thursday, after plunging 5.31 percent the previous day.

Pressure on the bond market eased, too, with the Portuguese benchmark 10-year government bond yield sliding to 7.40 percent in the afternoon, having soared to 8.106 percent Wednesday.

The foreign minister's resignation had threatened to sink the government because Portas is also leader of the junior partner in the governing coalition, the small conservative CDS-PP party.

But the prime minister, desperate to hold together the coalition led by his Social Democratic Party (PSD), refused to accept Portas's resignation.

The prospect of a deal emerged when the CDS-PP leadership asked Portas to meet with the premier to find "a viable solution for the government of Portugal".

Socialist opposition leader Antonio Jose Seguro had urged the Portuguese president to call snap elections in a meeting Wednesday.

European Union leaders, fearing a resurgence in tension in the eurozone's debt-laden periphery, pressed Lisbon to resolve the crisis.

Oil prices fall after Egypt-fuelled hikes

LONDON (AFP) - Oil prices fell on Thursday following recent rallies over Middle East supply worries after Egypt's army overthrew and detained President Mohamed Morsi.

Investors were closely watching to see whether the unrest would escalate and affect stability in the oil-rich and politically volatile Middle East region which neighbours north African nation Egypt.

Analysts said oil prices were weighed down also by a stronger dollar, which Thursday rallied against the euro and British pound after the European Central Bank and Bank of England indicated that their

main interest rates would likely remain at record-low levels for some time.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in August dropped 42 cents to stand at \$105.34 a barrel in late London deals.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) light sweet crude for August, fell 14 cents to \$101.10 a barrel. On Wednesday, the contract had hit a 14-month high point at \$102.18.

"The risks of prolonged unrest in Egypt have diminished slightly after the ousting of President Morsi," said Fawad Razaqzada, analyst at traders GFT Markets.

"Crude oil has therefore eased off slightly following strong gains in recent days. However, risks of further unrest remain elevated, so prices are unlikely to fall back as quickly as they rose."

The Egyptian army on Wednesday toppled Islamist president Morsi after a week of unrest that killed nearly 50 people as millions took to the streets to demand an end to his turbulent year of rule.

While not a major crude exporter, Egypt is home to key oil choke points such as the Suez Canal and the Sumed Pipeline.

Dormant Swiss accounts paid out \$6.1 mn in 2012: regulator

GENEVA (AFP) - Swiss banks paid about six million dollars last year to the heirs of people who left dormant accounts, a report showed on Thursday under a system created after a scandal over money left by Jews during World War II.

The banks paid out 5.81 million Swiss francs (4.8 million euros, \$6.1 million), the Alpine country's banking ombudsman said in its annual report.

Last year a total of 32 heirs received money from dormant accounts, as well as the contents of two bank safes.

All the funds had been banked after World War II.

Since 2001, about 303 heirs have received funds worth a total of 42.9 million Swiss francs.

Heirs who believe that dead relatives may have had money in Switzerland have been able since 1996 to apply to a special office which tracks down long-forgotten accounts.

The system was set up amid a scandal over the failure of Swiss banks to release funds from accounts owned by Jews who had hidden money in secret accounts in neutral Switzerland but then perished in the Holocaust.

Most of the beneficiaries last year were from Europe, with six of the 32 cases concerning French citizens, and a similar number, Germans.

Under Swiss law, banks must inform a central search office if they have had no contact with a customer for the past 10 years.

The ombudsman said that it often received search requests from heirs a few months after a relative had died, but underlined that potential accounts would not be considered dormant until a decade had elapsed.

It pointed to a typical case in which the search process took up to five years, and resulted in a six-figure sum being paid out to the heirs of heirs, who decided to give it to charity.

Last year, five percent of search requests concerned potential pre-war bank accounts.

The ombudsman's office said that such search were carried out even though the likelihood of finding any money was minimal, given that in 1997, Swiss banks had published a list of pre-war accounts to facilitate claims.



ISIGNY-SUR-MER (AFP) : French cheese "Mimolette" are displayed in a shop near one of its production site on July 4, 2014 in Isigny-sur-Mere, northwestern France. After more than a tonne of mimolette cheese has been held up in customs for 3 months, US officials have effectively banned the French speciality, calling it "putrid" and "unfit for food."



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AIFF Master Class with The Frugal Frenchman, Emmanuel Itier



Emmanuel with film class and Tim Wassberg

--The Aruba International Film Festival is a multifaceted event dedicated to the art of film, a treat for cinephiles with its diverse program of films from around the globe. The organizers' goals, however, go well beyond the enjoyment of creative films, but to inspire and educate aspiring island filmmakers, along with the many who have traveled to Aruba to revel in the intense ambiance of film enthusiasts.

The first of the AIFF 2013 Master Classes, interactive sessions with veterans of the film industry, was a perfect example of providing the practical information needed by those wishing to make a career in the business.

"The Frugal Frenchman," Emmanuel Itier, has produced so many films, "I have lost count," as well as directed four films, two for TV, for the Syfy Channel and Showtime. He has written, directed and produced two documentaries, one of which is being screened at this year's festival "Femme: Women Healing the World."

He treated audiences to a preview of his latest effort for the Syfy Channel, which is in post production, "Atilla Alive," and the trailer from another film he did for them "Scarecrow." He admitted these films were shot on a wisp of a budget (\$100,000) and shared the hoops a director must jump through to complete such films.

The audience chuckled as he pointed out "That actress is my wife, that was our make-up assistant, one of the production assistants, their daughter...everyone in the crew gets recruited at some point for the crowd scenes, as we had no budget for actors." The advances in technology allowed them to work with three main actors for "Atilla

Alive," while his conquering army was produced by using stock CGI.

"These are the tricks of making movies with no money," he told them. "It isn't even low-budget, it is no money." As he explained, it was also shooting at record speed, producing 90 minute movies in 8 or 12 days, and how to improvise sets, costumes and deploy stock shots to complete a project on time, meeting the demands of the financiers.



A very entertaining talk

"The bottom line-it is not complicated as long as you don't lose your nerve, are willing to compromise to the extreme and bend over backwards, it will be fine. And yes, you need to get drunk...you have to be funny, you have to be cool; you can't be a maniac or a dictator. You have to be willing to exchange ideas and listen to your experts, your make-up and costume people, and particularly, your Director of Photography."

Itier explained all directors will have moments of great frustration. An example: On the last day of shooting on a tight schedule having the lead actor complain he can't find his motivation, after two weeks of constant discussion on the subject, he admits there were moments he was raging internally. During a crucial day of his first directorial effort, they were shooting a final scene on the last day the

he continued. "Once your idea is encapsulated in your head, then you start with a script. French actor Jean Gabin once said, "A movie is three things: a story, a story and a story," and it is true. If you have a strong story and good script, you will convince people to back you up. It is about crafting that first."

He admits his TV movie productions target a certain audience, and there are certain elements required, particularly in the action/horror genre. "Even though each movie is unique, there is a certain common language and formation that is put into these movies." When he makes them, he aims to for them to be cheesy, campy romps; he does not expect his audience to take them seriously. "You need to know where you are going and what you are selling, so with films like these, you better have somebody dying every ten minutes for it to get over. It may be s**t, but at least we can strive to make it GOOD s**t. When you have all these elements, then you go after the money."

Mr. Itier's frequent partner in crime for many of his productions and articles, Tim Wassberg, video journalist of The Inside Reel, was on hand to also provide input on the problems and practicalities of a no-budget shoot.

In closing, Mr. Itier explained "You have to be really



Emmanuel Itier The Frugal Frenchman

passionate, and yes, you compromise along the way because it is never totally the vision you had in mind for the end product. In general, however, it can be said you will realize 80 percent of it. Whatever comes up, really, it is you. You as the director are the source of the solution. As an interviewer for French TV, I have had the opportunity to speak to many successful directors. Many of them gave me great tips. One of them was from Spielberg, who told me "Always have an answer; whoever comes to you... just say something, even if you are lying... but lie in good faith. You need to have an answer for them, because you are the captain of the ship. Even if you don't know where you're going, you go!...The movie is directed by several people in several departments, but you as The Director, keep it together; you are like the cement of the building. But learn to delegate and rely on the expertise of your people. You are

the leader, but you are not the fascist leader, but a democratic leader... you are flexible, and you balance."

Mr. Itier's natural charm and 25 years of experience in the film industry provided a delightful session, and important insights that young island film students and visiting cinephiles needed to know to realize their ambitions of making a movie. Attending the Master Class was the film class of AIFF and Industry Events Director Rebecca Roos, who confirmed she and the class were enlightened and entertained by Emmanuel Itier's presentation. "It was an excellent start to the series of lectures and interactive sessions we have set up with our visiting filmmakers. We are sure those that love film, to watch them or hope to make them, will thoroughly enjoy the chance to meet these veterans of the industry."

by Rosalie Klein



LONDON (AFP) - El Greco's 400 year-old painting "Saint Dominic in Prayer" on Wednesday broke the record for a Spanish Old Master, selling at a London auction for £9,154,500 (\$14,000,000, 10,750,000 euros). The painting was one of two El Greco works on sale at the sale, said Alex Bell, worldwide head of Sotheby's Old Master Paintings. The painting represents the 13th-century founder of the Dominican order kneeling and praying besides a crucifix under a dark and swirling sky. Executed in 15th-century Toledo, it also features the crucifix which El Greco often used in paintings showing saints in devotion.

5 Burgers Aruba: Now your best breakfast bargain!



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--A favorite stop for a great burger for lunch or dinner has just expanded their hours and menu to offer some of the best breakfast bargains to be found in Palm Beach. Owners Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and

sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8 a.m., patrons can now order 2

eggs any style, (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) toast and coffee with unlimited refills for the special introductory price of only \$4.99, (\$5.48 with bacon) or All-you-can-eat pancakes, for \$6.99, with free refills on fresh coffee. A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast, home fries, with complimentary, unlimited coffee for only \$9.99! Breakfast is served until 11 a.m. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (al-



most 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with Aarons' secret-recipe crispy onion rings. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jala-peño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever, the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to

watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!"

Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

5 Burgers is now open from 8am to 10pm-ish Sunday - Thursday. For those late night diners, 5 Burgers is open until 3AM-ish on Friday & Saturdays! Delivery is available to most Hotels and most beaches! Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner to sit and chat, sharing their knowledge of the island while making sure patrons are happy with their meal.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by



the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facili-

ties such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Yachting: Quick but dangerous - the ACT2 racing yacht



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The four teams competing in the America's Cup off San Francisco from this Sunday will be racing in AC72s -- 22-meter (72-foot) wing-sail catamarans that are both demanding and potentially dangerous to sail.

On May 9, one of the three challengers to holders Oracle Team USA, Artemis, lost crew member Andrew Simpson during a training run.

The Swedish AC72 capsized and Simpson, a British double Olympic medallist, drowned after getting stuck under the overturned structure.

Eleven crew members -- among the best in the world -- are required to sail the speedsters, which are 22 meters long, 14 meters wide and weigh six tonnes.

The twin-hull vessels are distinctive with their towering 40-meter-high rigid wing-sails and 260 square meter (2,800 square feet) main sails.

Likened to a cross between an aeroplane and sailing boat, they are capable of "flying" above the water at more than 40 knots (75 kilometres/46 miles per hour) on their L-shaped hydrofoils.

In doing so, the AC72s are free from virtually any hydrodynamic resistance and only touch the water with their keels and inverted T-shaped rudder blades.

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Golf: Hansen takes first round lead at French Open

VERSAILLES (AFP) - Denmark's Anders Hansen shook off the effects of a hand injury to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the French Open at Le Golf National on Thursday.

The 42-year-old, who will have an operation in Zurich next week to deal with the long-standing problem, birdied his final hole for a five under par 66 on the course outside Versailles that will stage the 2018 Ryder Cup.

He had seven birdies and only two bogeys on a day when many players in a top class European Tour field struggled over the demanding four-holes closing stretch.

Hansen's only bogeys came at the first and eighth - the latter after leaving his chip ten feet short of the hole.

Those dropped shots sandwiched birdies from eight feet at the fifth and 30 feet on the sixth, after the three-time European Tour winner had gone out in 31.

On the topic of his painful hand Hansen, who won the last of his three European Tour titles more than four years ago in South Africa, added: "I'm having my operation on Tuesday, so I'm looking forward to get that out of the way and hopefully be ready for the end of the season. It's not far away, so I'm looking forward to get that done."

Hopes of a first home win since Thomas Levet in 2011 were boosted by emerging star Romain Wattel, who finished the day second on four under 67, one shot ahead of a large group containing 2009 winner Martin Kaymer of Germany.

The 22-year-old Wattel was able to limit the damage done by bogeys at the 15th and 16th with six birdies - a couple of them the result of monster putts.

Ryder Cup stars Luke Donald and Graeme McDowell shot respectively 71 and 69 to stay well in contention.

MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	53	34	.609	-	ATLANTA	49	35	.583	-
BALTIMORE	48	38	.558	4.5	WASHINGTON	43	42	.506	6.5
YANKEES	45	39	.536	6.5	PHILADELPHIA	41	45	.477	9.0
TAMPA	45	40	.529	7.0	NY METS	35	46	.432	12.5
TORONTO	41	43	.488	10.5	MIAMI	31	52	.373	17.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	45	38	.542	-	PITTSBURGH	52	32	.619	-
CLEVELAND	45	39	.536	0.5	ST. LOUIS	50	33	.602	1.5
KANSAS	39	42	.481	5.0	CINCINNATI	49	36	.576	3.5
MINNESOTA	36	45	.444	8.0	CHICAGO	36	46	.439	15.0
CHICAGO	34	48	.415	10.5	MILWAUKEE	34	50	.405	18.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	49	36	.576	-	ARIZONA	43	41	.512	-
TEXAS	48	36	.571	0.5	COLORADO	41	44	.482	2.5
LA ANGELES	40	44	.476	8.5	SAN FRANCISCO	40	43	.482	2.5
SEATTLE	37	47	.440	11.5	SAN DIEGO	40	46	.465	4.0
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Baseball: Tigers hurler Scherzer improves to 13-0

TORONTO (AFP) - Detroit's Max Scherzer pitched 6 1/3 strong innings in a 6-2 victory over Toronto to become the first Major League Baseball hurler since 1986 to open a season 13-0.

Scherzer is now one win away from matching Roger Clemens' 14-0 start to the 1986 campaign.

He surrendered just two runs on seven hits in his 6 1/3 innings and struck out eight. He will have the opportunity to tie Clemens's mark on Monday in Cleveland.

Austin Jackson made two stand-out catches in center field to help Scherzer extend



Max Scherzer of the Detroit Tigers pitches during the game against the Toronto Blue Jays

his streak, and the Tigers' four-run second inning off Toronto pitcher Josh Johnson staked Scherzer to an early lead.

Alex Avila hit a three-run home run while Victor Martinez went 2-for-4 with a solo home run, two RBI and two runs scored for Detroit, who

have won two straight after dropping six of seven.

Colby Rasmus and Maicer Izturis each drove in a run for Toronto, who have lost seven of their last 10 games. Josh Johnson gave up six runs -- one earned -- on seven hits over five innings to take the loss.

NBA: Celtics opt for youth in naming Stevens coach

BOSTON (AFP) - The rebuilding Boston Celtics named Brad Stevens as head coach, hoping his success at the helm at Butler University will translate to the NBA.

The 36-year-old Stevens spent the last six seasons as the head coach at Butler University and led the Bulldogs to the National Championship game in 2010 and 2011.

His Butler teams never won fewer than 22 games in a season as he kept the university that boasts a total enrollment of just 4,500 contending in the fiercely competitive world of US collegiate basketball.

Stevens succeeds Doc Rivers, who had served as Boston's head coach since 2004 and guided the NBA club to the 2008 NBA title before departing for the Los Angeles Clippers for an unprotected

2015 first-round draft pick prior to last Thursday's NBA Draft.

Rivers wasn't the only veteran presence expected to depart Boston this offseason.

Forwards Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce along with guard Jason Terry are reportedly headed to the Brooklyn Nets in a deal that will leave Stevens with several first-round draft picks over the coming years.

The Celtics are expected to receive first-round picks in 2014, 2016 and 2018 from the Nets in addition to forwards Gerald Wallace, Kris Humphries, Reggie Evans and Tornike Shengelia.

The proposed deal can't become official until the NBA's moratorium on player signings is lifted on July 10.

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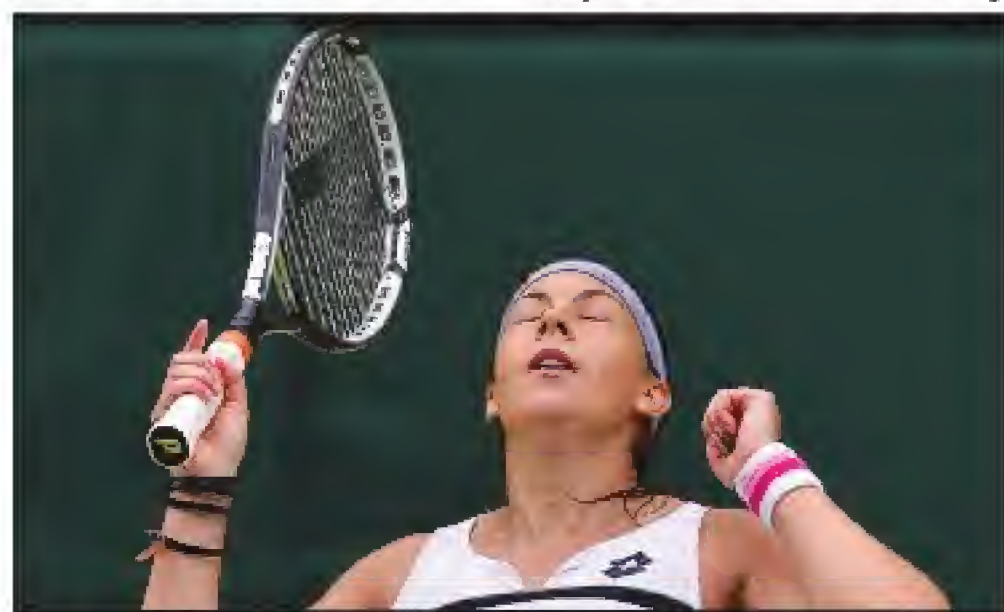
Smiling Lisicki, sleepy Bartoli in Wimbledon final

LONDON (AFP) - Sabine Lisicki, the smiling darling of Centre Court, and eccentric Marion Bartoli, who happily slept away the minutes leading up to her semi-final, set up an unlikely Wimbledon final on Thursday.

Lisicki, the 23rd seed, became the first German woman since 1999 to reach a Grand Slam final when she defeated

ing by a tabloid British press in honour of her compatriot Boris Becker, will on Saturday bid to become Germany's first champion at a major since Steffi Graf beat Martina Hingis to claim the 1999 French Open.

Graf, who sent Lisicki a good-luck text ahead of the semi-final, was also the last German to reach a final at a major when she was runner-up



France's Marion Bartoli celebrates beating Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens

Polish fourth seed, Agnieszka Radwanska, 6-4, 2-6, 9-7.

French 15th seed Bartoli, meanwhile, eased into her second Wimbledon final with a 6-1, 6-2 demolition of Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens.

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ing by a tabloid British press in honour of her compatriot Boris Becker, will on Saturday bid to become Germany's first champion at a major since Steffi Graf beat Martina Hingis to claim the 1999 French Open.

Lisicki reached the championship match the hard way against last year's runner-up Radwanska.

She was a set and a break ahead before an astonishing collapse put her 0-3 down in



Germany's Sabine Lisicki celebrates beating Poland's Agnieszka Radwanska

the decider with errors flying off both sides.

That sequence saw her lose nine of 10 games from the midway point of the second set to halfway through the decider, dropping serve on five successive occasions.

But 23-year-old Lisicki, who put out five-time champion Serena Williams in the fourth round, mounted a memorable fightback against a player who made the semi-final having spent three hours more on court.

She finished with nine aces and 60 winners which compensated for the 46 unforced errors she sent down, a worthwhile price for her all-out assault in the two hour 18-minute clash.

"It's unbelievable. The last few games were so exciting. We were both fighting and it was a real battle," said Lisicki, who had made the semi-finals in 2011.

Lisicki believes it will be destiny if she becomes the first German champion at Wimbledon since Graf in 1996.

Radwanska defended her abrupt, cool handshake with Lisicki at the net.

"What should I do? Dance?," she said, aware that with Williams, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka out of the tournament, a golden opportunity for a maiden Grand Slam title had passed her by.

Bartoli revealed a pre-match nap in the locker room was the secret of her success as she raced past Belgian 20th seed Flipkens in just 62 minutes.

"I felt I was just a bit tired and needed a quick nap just to recover from my early morning practise and everything else I had to do to be ready to go on court," said 28-year-old Bartoli who was runner-up to Venus Williams in 2007.

Asked if she would repeat the routine before the final, Bartoli added: "I don't really have any specific plan. It's really more about how I'm feeling."

"If I'm feeling great then I will not sleep. But if I do feel like I need one it's not a problem for me to sleep and then come back and be ready."

Formula One: Drivers threaten German GP pull-out

NURBURGRING (AFP) - Formula One drivers warned Thursday that they will withdraw from this weekend's German Grand Prix if they face any repeat of the tyre failures experienced at the British Grand Prix.

In a robust statement following a meeting of the Grand Prix Drivers' Association (GPDA) in the Nurburgring paddock, they said they will pull out immediately if there is any sign of the dramatic and dangerous blowouts that overshadowed Silverstone last weekend.

Tyre suppliers Pirelli have said they are confident that the Kevlar-belted tyres the Italian company has brought to the Nurburgring will not suffer a repeat of the failures that blighted the race at Silverstone.

Four drivers suffered blowouts during the race last Sunday.

In the aftermath, the drivers called for immediate action. Pirelli have reacted by switching to a new supply of tyres, but they blamed the blowouts on a combination of low tyre pressures, adverse camber, tyre swapping and kerbs for the problems.

The new Kevlar-belted tyres to be used in Germany will be for this event only.

A new specification, using 2012 construction and 2013 compounds, is scheduled to be introduced at the Hungarian Grand Prix at the end of the month.



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